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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7475**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1974

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 5, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Psychotropic drug regimens.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Noe

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill prohibits teachers from attempting to influence a parent or guardian to obtain psychotropic medication for a student. The bill prohibits readmission of a student suspended for behavioral problems to be conditioned on treatment of the student with psychotropic medication.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Summary:* School corporations would require additional expenditures to provide an annual copy of the policy to a student's parent or guardian. School corporations could adopt a written policy, as required by the bill, during regularly scheduled meetings of their governing bodies. If a school corporation elects to offer supplemental education to their teachers, the school corporation could incur additional cost. This costs related to this provision would depend on local action.

*Background:* For the 2001-2002 school year, Indiana's average daily membership (ADM) consisted of 959,611 students, and public school enrollment totaled 995,507. Approximately 1,900 public schools were in operation within Indiana's 293 school corporations during that time.

The following table illustrates the number of suspensions and expulsions from school years 1997 through

2001. (Data for 2002 are not yet complete).

**Suspensions and Expulsions for School Years 1997-2001**

YEAR	SUSPENSIONS	EXPULSIONS
2001	289,041	6,781
2000	293,934	7,313
1999	305,767	9,263
1998	302,593	10,229
1997	306,034	9,340

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** DOE ORACLE and SAS tables.

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